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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION - CORDOBA PLANTS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8321

1. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RENE DELPECH PHONED ECOM COUNS FEB. 27 AND AFTER EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION THAT PACKING PLANT INSPECTORS HAD RETURNED TO ARGENTINA AND WERE NOW IN FIELD WITH GOA INSPECTORS, INQUIRED AS TO POSSIBILITY THEIR VISITING CORDOBA PLANTS. DELPECH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DECISION INSPECTORS SHOULD NOT, REPT NOT, GO TO CORDOBA HAD BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON. HE HAD TELEPHONED GOA AMBASSADOR VAZQUEZ FEB. 27, HE SAID, REQUESTING VAZQUEZ TO DISCUSS SUBJECT ONCE MORE WITH DEPARTMENT. GIST OF DELPECH'S CALL TO EMBASSY WAS TO REITERATE OFFER MADE EARLIER BY FORMER SECRETARY RECA OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFT TO FLY INSPECTORS TO CORDOBA AND HELICOPTER FROM AIRPORT TO PLANTS AS MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

2. ECOM COUNS TOLD DELPECH HE DID NOT THINK AGRICULTURE/APHIS AND STATE WERE PREPARED RECONSIDER DECISION AT THIS TIME. AS DELPECH AWARE, INSPECTORS NOW IN ARGENTINA HAD EXPRESS INSTRUCTIONS NOT REPT NOT TO GO TO CORDOBA. WHILE OFFER OF PLANE AND HELICOPTER APPRECIATED, THIS WOULD NOT MAKE CRITICAL DIFFERENCE BECAUSE OFFER HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY MADE, AND WASHINGTON KNEW OF OFFER OF SPECIAL TRANS-  
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PORTATION AT TIME OF DECISION. COUNS INQUIRED WHETHER

DELPECH FULLY INFORMED OF SMALL VOLUME OF EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CORDOBA PLANTS, AND NOTED THAT THIS WAS FACTOR IN DECIDING WHETHER RISK SHOULD BE TAKEN OF SENDING INSPECTORS TO CORDOBA. COUNS SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS SURE AMBASSADOR WOULD PASS DELPECH'S OFFER ON TO WASHINGTON. EMBASSY AND USG SYMPATHETIC WITH GOA WISH TO HAVE CORDOBA PLANTS INSPECTED BUT SECURITY CONDITIONS WERE DIFFICULT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE CORDOBA PLANTS CAN BE INSPECTED WITH MINIMAL RISK USING FACILITIES OFFERED, AND RECOMMENDS THAT THEY BE INSPECTED. WE DID NOT, OF COURSE, GIVE ANY INDICATIO OF THESE VIEWS TO SECRETARY DELPECH.

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